

Medicaid and Kids Minutes

May 8, 2013

Present: Claudia Zundel, Linda Colangels, Shannon Zimmerman, Casey Rogers, Ryan Zeiger, Erika Walczak, Jennifer Brodis, Candace Bailey, Tiffani Rathbun, Meredith Henry, Genene Duram, Ervin Guzman, Beverly Hirshkorn, Lois Joacobs, Carol Meredith, Casidy Dellemonache

1) Introductions

2) Claudia Zundel, Director of Child and Family Services

- i) ½ of her time is Behavioral Health and ½ time at Child, Youth and Families
 - (a) She will be at HCPF several days a week
 - (b) Behavioral Health Organizations are managed by HCPF
- ii) Go to HCPF website for any information about BHOs
 - (a) DD not covered
 - (b) Autism not covered
 - (i) Covered Mental Health Diagnosis-Exhibit D1(on HCPF website)
 - (c) The question of DD vs Mental Health was raised again??
 - (i) Claudia said to contact Family Consumer person at the Office of Family and Consumer Affairs –they are available to help with the appeals process
 - (d) The question of Mental and Physical Health was raised
 - (i) Integrated systems /RCCO's may be changing in the next two years
 - (ii) Invite Matt or Nikki (ACC folks) to come speak to this group
 - (e) Dual Diagnoses- there are no experts out there
 - (i) Call Beverly Hirsekorn at 303-866-6320 or Beverly.hirsekorn@state.co.us for any issues or denials. Clients cannot be denied an assessment. Clients also have the right to call their local Ombudsman for help
 - (ii) Fee for service Medicaid-where is the list of providers?? Right now only Residential Child Care Facilities are approved
 - 1. Family Support Coordinators usually aren't experienced in working with BHOs and/or Dual diagnosis
 - 2. Youth Corrections ends up dealing with these clients
 - 3. What are the correct billing codes for Fee for Service Medicaid??
 - (iii) How do BHOs and private insurance work together? (Ask Matt)
 - (f) If a child has a major meltdown, goes to ER, looks behavioral, families have to stay up to 72 hours restraining them-then given meds and sent home. Is there a follow up? (Ask Matt)

- (g) Is there a State that works well for behavioral health?
 - (i) Gaps Analysis is going to be done (that was approved by the legislature) over the next four months as community meetings
 - (ii) Joan Beasley and the START program-has comprehensive assessment, respite, coordinated care
 - (iii) Ryan will be working with the Hospital Association on coordination of care and may speak to it at next meeting
- (h) Community Living Advisory Group-Long Term Support Services-Coordinated Care subcommittee
 - (i) Need Hospital Association and Legislators to take notice
 - (ii) It isn't a good cost model for behavioral health/isn't cost effective to provide
 - (iii) What is Kaiser's model of ER services? –invite Kaiser to this meeting
 - (iv) Does the Behavioral Health contract have expanded capacity as a goal?

3) CHCBS-Lois Jacobs

- i) Renewal in March
- ii) CMS responded-took CDASS out-but may place it in the State Plan
- iii) Decline in numbers-shift to CES waiver
- iv) 120 on waitlist
- v) CES waiver will be administered over a year due to capacity issues

4) CWA-Candace Bailey

- i) From now forward, list will be prioritized. Clients on waitlist currently will grandfathered
- ii) Now have reporting requirements-program Evaluation as well as Providers submit evaluations every 6 months
- iii) Rule drafting occurring right now-effective maybe Sept 1st.
- iv) Trainings for Case Managers and Providers
- v) Families responsible for assessment-Vineland or SIBR or Adaptive but must be standardized tool by qualified professional-around \$150-200
 - (1) Use it for DD definition. Schools can administer as well

5) Waiver Simplification Meeting-Carol Meredith

- i) Community Living Advisory Group
- ii) Looking at 13 different waivers-targeting criteria vs level of care
- iii) 2 waivers-AIDS and TBI can serve children but will probably be collapsed into EBD waiver
- iv) State Plan-Community First Choice
- v) Waiver Simplification Meeting being held June 4th from 2-4pm open to public

2) General Discussion

- i) HCPF has a newsletter every 2 weeks on their website
- ii) Insurance companies have said they will drop families and provide employee only insurance to conform to new ACA laws-what are the unintended consequences?
- iii) Home Health has hired an RN to help look at 368 families with reduction of services
 - (1) Call 303-866-3447 or email homehealth@state.co.us for families to notify HCPF of reduction and how it is effecting their family
 - (2) Probably going to take HCPF at least 6 months to contact those 368 families. Families need to utilize the appeal process if they haven't missed the deadline

6) Future Agenda Items

- i) Invite Matt or Nikki
- ii) Invite Kaiser

Next Meeting June 12th, 2013